

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
September 11, 2009

AGENDA ITEM: *H. 3.*

Update on Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force

Background

Both Governor Napolitano and Governor Brewer signed Executive Orders creating the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force. The Task Force, chaired by Rich Dozer, has met five times and will meet next on September 15 at Kartchner Caverns State Park. The Task Force will continue to meet throughout October and provide recommendations to the Governor by October 31.

Attached, for your reference, you will find copies of the two Executive Orders and a list of the Task Force members and their affiliations.

Executive Order 2008-28

Establishing the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Parks Board is charged with managing and preserving and enhancing areas of natural resources and cultural significance and providing recreation opportunities for its citizens;

WHEREAS, the population of the State of Arizona is projected to continue to grow, increasing demand for more and diverse recreation and environmental park areas;

WHEREAS, the recent economic downturn has been hard on all of state government, including state parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby create the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force (the "Task Force"), and order as follows:

1. The Task Force shall:
 - Assess the current physical and financial state of the Arizona State Parks system;
 - Study how projected growth in Arizona will impact the current state park system and make recommendations as to how the system should adapt and respond to change through 2030;
 - Assess the economic impact of the Arizona State Parks system on the overall economic development of the State.
 - Study and make recommendations as to how the Arizona State Parks system can achieve financial sustainability into the future;
 - Study and make recommendations to improve promotion of the state parks; and
 - Study and make recommendations how to leverage resources between Arizona State Parks and other State and Federal agencies.
2. Task Force members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and serve without compensation. The Task Force shall consist of not more than 21 members.
3. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Task Force.
4. Arizona State Parks shall provide administrative support for the Task Force.

5. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson. Task Force members shall vote in person and not by proxy. They may not send a designee for voting purposes.
6. The Chairperson may form subcommittees and working groups as required.
7. The Task Force shall submit its written findings and recommendations to the Governor by June 30, 2009.
8. The Commission and this Executive Order shall expire June 30, 2009.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


GOVERNOR

DONE, at the Capitol in Phoenix, this 11 day of December in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Third.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE



Executive Order 2009-03

Reinstituting the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2008-28 established the Sustainable State Parks Task Force ("Task Force") which was charged with examining the physical and financial state of the Arizona State Parks System and was to recommend ways to make the Arizona State Parks system financially sustainable; and

WHEREAS, a number of members were appointed to the Task Force but no progress has been made to date; and

WHEREAS, the recent closing of several State Parks serves as a reminder of the seriousness of the current economic downturn;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby authorize the continued work of the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force, and order as follows:

1. The members previously appointed to the Task Force are welcomed to continue their service, along with forthcoming additional appointments, under Chairman Rich Dozer.
2. The Task Force is charged with continuing the examinations and providing recommendations as where previously outlined by Executive Order. Additionally, the Task Force shall examine opportunities for cooperatively managing, leasing, or selling individual parks as a means of reducing operating costs while still remaining open to the public.
3. The Task Force members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and serve without compensation.
4. The Task Force shall consist of not more than 21 members.
5. The Arizona State Parks Department shall provide administrative support.
6. The Task Force members shall meet at the call of the Chairman, shall vote in person and not by proxy, and may not send a designee for voting purposes.
7. The Chairman may form subcommittees and working groups as required.
8. The Task Force shall submit its written findings and recommendations to the Governor by October 31, 2009.
9. The Task Force and this Executive Order shall expire October 31, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


GOVERNOR



DONE, at the Capitol in Phoenix, this 12 day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Third.

ATTEST:

Kim Blumeth

SECRETARY OF STATE

Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force

Members

Rich Dozer, Chair, Genspring

Bill Scalzo, Vice-Chair, World Class Service (former Maricopa County Parks)

Sam Campana, Arizona Audubon Society

Bill Cordasco, Babbitt Ranches

Susan Culp, Sonoran Institute

Diana Freshwater, Arizona Land & Water Trust

Grady Gammage, Gammage & Burnham (Morrison Institute)

Richard Hubbard, Valley Partnership

Glen Kerslake, Colonianueva Inc (Real Estate)

Bob McLendon, Arizona Board of Regents, former legislator (Yuma)

Bill Meek, Arizona State Parks Foundation

Harry Papp, L. Roy Papp & Associates

Bill Roe, Arizona State Parks Foundation

Jeff Williamson, Arizona Zoological Society